has also announced its acceptance of the scheme.

(b) The estimated additional expenditure for implementation of the scheme is about Rs. 166.00 crores per year. The precise details of the expenditure in each State and Union Territory has not been worked out.

(c) While communicating the scheme, the State Governments have been informed that the Central Government will provide them assistance to the extent of 80 per cent of the additional expenditure involved in the implementation of the scheme for the period from 1.1.1986 to 31-3-1990.

Population Education

1932. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the strategies adopted by the Union Government to control population growth

(b) whether the present law on minimum age for marriage is enforced well;

(c) whether this age limit is proposed to be increased in near future;

(d) whether population education will be given at the higher secondary and college level; and

(e) whether a population education package for different levels has been worked out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Main features of the Government's strategy to control population growth are increasing demand for contraception through improved communication approaches; expanding and improving the quality of out-reach services; and promoting greater community participation through the involvement of voluntary organisation; intensifying population education; enhancing child survival rates and improving programme management; raising the status of women; establishing inter-sectoral linkages for promoting family planning.

(b) The enforcemnt of the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929, is the responsibility of the State Government. The offence under the Act is congnizable and the provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure are applicable.

(c) There is no proposal at present to increase the minimum age limit for marriage.

(d) Population education which was confined upto class X only during the 6th Five Year Plan, has been extended to cover students and the teachers of the plus 2 Stage (class XI and XII) also during the 7th Five Year Plan. To introduce Population Education at college level, University Grants Commission is implementing a Project with the assistance of the UNFPA and have established 1300 population education clubs in colleges and Universities.

(e) Population Education package for classes I to X has been developed by N.C.E.R.T. and most States/U.Ts. have integrated it with the text-books of various subject.

Maintenance of Health Service under Essential Service Maintenance Act

1933. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent strike of doctors have been